



Joshes and Chubs



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“So, as you go into battle, remember your ancestors and remember your descendants”

COMMANDERS CORNER

Comments from Captain K

Gentlemen, Greetings once again from your Captain!!! We have had a busy month since the last newsletter, with the Cleburne Service, Kids Fest/Park Day, and Pleasant Hill. By the time you read this, we will have also been to the Confederate Flag Day service in Little Rock and held an organizational meeting for Manassas. I wish we had something to do!!!. The Cleburne Service went very well this year. Numbers were down overall because of the threat of severe weather, but spirits were high. We had a wonderful speaker who delivered an inspiring message on the relationship between Cleburne and Gen Hardee and the men of his command. I would like to thank 1st Sgt Hutcheson for stepping up and commanding the Honor Guard while I delivered the address. I understand that we had a good turnout on April 1st for the vast variety of activities that the 1st Arkansas was involved in. We had members of the 1st Arkansas at the Pine Bluff Arsenal for Kids Fest, and at White Sulpher Springs Confederate Cemetery and Marks' Mill Cemetery for the History Channel's Park Day. I would like to thank all those who volunteered for each of these events. On April 7-9, the 1st Arkansas had 16 men, 4 civilians, and 2 artillery pieces at the reenactment of the Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana. 3 members of the 9th Arkansas joined our ranks. We had a great time, first as confederates on Saturday and Federals on Sunday. the Artillery went federal the entire weekend, killing us all with one shot on Saturday. If you were not there you missed something that may never happen again -- Guy Taylor Died!!!! I know, I would not have believed it if I had not seen it!!! Also, the artillery elected one of their own to represent them on our staff. Congratulations, Lt William Farmer. Carey Bollinger, a long time member of the 1st Ark, joined us from Slidell, LA, bringing with him a young gentleman who goes by the name of Robbie. It was great to have them both with us and hope to see them both again in the near future. On Friday April 28 and Saturday April 29 we will be having a NCO School / School of the Soldier / Artillery School at Camp White Sulpher Springs. Everyone is encouraged (ordered!!!) to be there Saturday for drill on company and battalion maneuvers, skirmishing, picket duty and artillery drill. All these activities are for all members of the 1st Arkansas, both Infantry and Artillery. We will begin promptly at 9:00am. On Friday night we will be holding an NCO School for all interested in what duties are required of a corporal or sergeant both on and out the field. This weekend should make all future weekends more enjoyable because you will know what to do while other units around us are stumbling in the dark (like at PHill). Remember to keep recruiting!!! we need to hold recruiting nights around the area soon. Let me or the 1Sgt know if you want to host one and we will do what we can to make it a success. Always your loyal and obedient servant, Capt K

Calendar of Events

April 25th

Confederate Memorial Day

* April 29th – 30th

NCO/Soldier/Artillery School Camp White Sulpher

May 5th – 7th

Chalk Bluff

* May 12th – 14th

Battle for Yellville Yellville Ar.

June 9th – 10th

Warren Pink Tomato Festival

* June 16th – 17th

McGee 100 Yr Centennial

* June 23rd – 25th

Grave Dedication/Living History Event Tull Arkansas

July 21st-23rd

145th Manassas Reenactment

* August 26th

White Hall Founders Day

* September 9th – 10th

Arkansas Post NP North and South Living History

September 22-24th

Pocahontas Civil War Days

October 6th – 8th

Perryville Kentucky (National Event)

* October 14th – 15th

White Sulpher Springs

October 27th – 29th

Lake DeGray

* November 4th, 5th

Old Washington

* December 1st – 3rd

Prairie Grove

* Denotes Maximum Effort Participation

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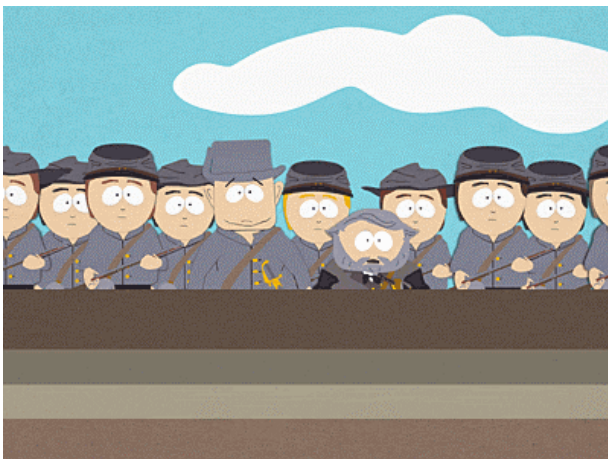
I would like to take some of this space and use it to give ya'll a quarterly report on the unit. As of this printing, the 1st Arkansas Infantry consists of 34 members. Of those 34 members, 21 are infantry, 1 civilian and 12 are considered as artillery, and we have at our disposal, six artillery pieces. During the first quarter of 2006 the 1st Arkansas has added 18 new members. Of the 18 added, four are former members who have been placed back on the role, 9 were members of another unit that joined or company, and five are those just getting into the hobby. The 1st Arkansas has participated in eleven events with an overall attendance of 85%. Of the events attended, our highest attendance was 13 and the lowest 2. We are definitely growing and I have to constantly update the members roster. All in all I think we have progressed to the point we can be proud of what we have accomplished.

If you will take the time to notice on the Event List on page 1, there have been two events added, a NCO/Soldier/Artillery School at Camp White Sulphur on April 29th to 30th, and a Grave Dedication/Living History event in Tull Arkansas on June 23rd to 25th. Both of these events are important high-profile events and should be considered as maximum attendance events if at all possible. We have A LOT of stuff coming up and I need your prayers and support as never before.

Hutch



The Duck and the Devil There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's... he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you." Thought for the day and every day thereafter: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.) ..whatever it is....You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing..... He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets..... It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved. Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today. Share this with a friend and always remember: God is at the window



The 1st Arkansas at Corinth after "Taking the Fort"

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